

AMERICAN-MADE ENERGY AND GOOD JOBS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 5429, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Pombo.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SCIENCE POLICY/NOBEL LAUREATES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on the Views of the NIST Nobel Laureates on Science Policy. Testimony was heard from the following Nobel Laureates, Physics: William Phillips, 1997; Eric Cornell, 2001; and John Hall, 2005.

HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Understanding Contemporary Public Private Highway Transactions: The Future of Infrastructure Finance? Testimony was heard from the following Governors: Tim Kaine, Virginia; and Mitch Daniels, Indiana; Matthew Garrett, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4157, Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2005.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing on the status of on-going investigations into an incident involving Iraqi civilians on November 19, 2005, near Haditha, 11:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to markup the Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2006, and to consider the nominations of Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., and Todd S. Farha, both of Florida, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, John W. Cox, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and William Hardiman, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to resume hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes, 11:15 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the outlook for growth of coal fired electric generation and whether sufficient supplies of coal will be available to supply electric generators on a timely basis both in the near term and in the future, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the current status of United Nations reform, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael E. Ranneberger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, Eric M. Bost, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, W. Stuart Symington IV, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, and Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, 3 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations: of R. David Paulison, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management, Department of Homeland Security, and Lurita Alexis Doan, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, with the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine VA data privacy breach, focusing on the recent theft of computer material

that contained the names and Social Security numbers of 26.5 million veterans, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine Congress' role in Federal financial management, focusing on Congress' role and effectiveness in the Federal budget process, as well as ways it can improve the management of Federal funds, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine the consequences of legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia, 1 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine VA data privacy breach, focusing on the recent theft of computer material that contained the names and Social Security numbers of 26.5 million veterans, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the status of preparing for a pandemic flu, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to consider the following: Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations; the Legislative Branch appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007, and the Foreign Operations appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Applying Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina: How the Department of Defense is Preparing for the Upcoming Hurricane Season, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Line-Item Veto, Perspectives on Applications and Effects, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 2048, Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to continue hearings entitled "Protecting Investors and Fostering Efficient Markets: A Review of the S.E.C. Agenda," 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Office of Thrift Supervision," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "Enlisting Foreign Cooperation in U.S. Efforts to Prevent Nuclear Smuggling," 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing on the Smithsonian Business Ventures," 12 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 860, To provide for the convey-

ance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District, El Paso County, Texas; H.R. 4010, Millennium Challenge Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 5247, Support for the Museum of the History of the Polish Jews Act of 2006; H.R. 5333, Shoulder-fired Missile Threat Reduction Act of 2006; H. Con. Res. 338, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the activities of Islamist terrorist organizations in the Western Hemisphere; H. Con. Res. 408, Commending the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to the Global War on Terror; H. Con. Res. 409, Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand; H. Res. 608, Condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the People's Republic of China; H. Res. 784, Commending and supporting Radio Al Mahaba, Iraq's first and only radio station for women; H. Res. 792, Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the independence of Guyana and extending best wishes to Guyana for peace and further progress, development, and prosperity; H. Res. 794, Recognizing the 17th anniversary of the massacre in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, in the People's Republic of China; H. Res. 799, Congratulating the people of Ukraine for conducting free, fair, and transparent parliamentary elections on March 26, 2006, and commending their commitment to democracy and reform; H. Res. 804, Condemning the unauthorized, inappropriate, and coerced ordination of Catholic bishops by the People's Republic of China; and H. Res. 828, Commending the people of Mongolia, on the 800th anniversary of Mongolian statehood, for building strong, democratic institutions, and expressing the support of the House of Representatives for efforts by the United States to continue to strengthen its partnership with that country, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, briefing and hearing the World Hunger Crisis, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on the A.Q. Khan Network: Case Closed? 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S.-Canada Relations, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5417, Internet Freedom and Nondiscrimination Act of 2006; H.R. 4777, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act; H.R. 4411, Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006; H.R. 4894, To provide for certain access to national crime information databases by schools and educational agencies for employment purposes, with respect to individuals who work with children; H.R. 5318, Cyber-Security Enhancement and Consumer Data Protection Act of 2006; and H.R. 4127, Data Accountability and Trust Act (DATA), 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4275, To amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

H.R. 5057, To authorize the Marion Park Project and Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion; and S. 1627, Delaware National Coastal Special Resources Study Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "Unlocking Charitable Giving," 9:45 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, oversight hearing on the recent theft of sensitive information belonging to as many as 26.5 million veterans and spouses from a VA employee's home, 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Charities and Employment Taxes: Are Charities in the Combined Federal Campaign Meeting Their Employment Tax Responsibilities? 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.